

OPINION 1868

Patella longicosta Lamarck, 1819 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name conserved

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *digitata* Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, as published in the binomen *Patella digitata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *longicosta* Lamarck, 1819, as published in the binomen *Patella longicosta*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *digitata* Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, as published in the binomen *Patella digitata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2947

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Patella longicosta* Lamarck, 1819 was received from Dr D.G. Herbert (*Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*) on 24 August 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 234–235 (September 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 234–235. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahner, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Cogger.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'The application has adequately demonstrated the widespread usage of the name *Patella longicosta* outside specialized taxonomic literature'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

digitata, *Patella*, Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, *Muséum-Demidoff mis en ordre systématique et décrit*, vol. 3, p. 115.

longicosta, *Patella*, Lamarck, 1819. *Patelle. Patella*. In: *Histoire naturelle des animaux sans vertèbres*, vol. 6, part 1, p. 326.